

MINUTES - Fireman's Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) Board Meeting

January 15, 2013, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Harmony Café Justice Room

Submitted by Taku Ronsman, Secretary

Attendance: Carolyn Stoviak – President, Crystal Jeske-Moreau – Vice President, Taku Ronsman – Secretary, Theresa Hassenohrl – member at large, Vic Pelishek – member at large, and Diane Cornish – new member at large. **Absent:** Janene Olson – Treasurer, Herb Hessil – member at large

Call to Order: FPNA Pres. Carolyn Stoviak called the meeting to order.

Introductions: Board members introduced themselves to Diane Cornish who recently bought a house on Michaline Drive. Diane moved to our neighborhood from Howard. She works in payroll at Schreiber Foods in Green Bay. (At the end of the meeting Diane was invited to be a member at large on the FPNA Board of Directors. She agreed, and was approved unanimously.)

Approval of Minutes from 10/16/2013: Minutes from the Oct. 16 FPNA General Meeting were approved unanimously with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's Report; Janene was absent. Taku will get a copy of the current report from Janene for the Secretary's records.

Report from the President:

Award to FPNA: The FPNA won an engraved award and \$200 grant for good communication for our Newsletter and Facebook website.

Mayors Neighborhood Leadership Council Update:

- Andy Rosendahl has resigned and will now be working as Chief of staff for Mayor Jim Schmitt.
- Sadie Di Natalie will also be leaving to attend school full-time.
- Cheryl Renier-Wigg will be receiving a kidney transplant. The kidney donor is Andy Rosendahl.
- The new Neighborhood Support Specialist will be Caitlin Green. She interned with the Parks Department Neighborhood Division.

Operations Grant update: Funds are on hold for all grants at this time. The city is short \$43,000. At this time, Neighborhood Associations will need to rely more on doing their own fundraising. In addition to raising money with Newsletter ads, and a brat-fry, we may coordinate a day of FPNA Yard Sales where a portion of the money neighbors collect from a yard sale is donated to the FPNA.

FPNA 2014 Wish-List:

- **Solar Lighting for FPNA Sign:** Crystal will ask Sean to research this possibility (vs. an electric powered light).
- **We will continue to print 2 Newsletters:** a Spring/Summer edition and Fall/Winter edition.
- **1-2 Neighborhood Message Boards:** Carolyn and Crystal are looking into the options and prices.

Newsletter Update: In mid-February Taku will start collecting Ads from Neighborhood businesses for the 2014 Spring/Summer Newsletter. We will charge \$20 for a small ad and \$25 for a large ad. The Board discussed, then approved, making the Newsletter two large pages instead of 1 large page with an 8.5x11 insert. This will enable us to have more ads and more news. Taku will edit the newsletter and send it to the printer by April 6.

The following items will be included in the Newsletter:

- Dates for upcoming events
- Photos
- An article about the new garbage buckets
- Spring Clean-up information
- Brat Fry information
- Neighborhood Yard Sale information
- Update on Little Libraries
- Update on Military Avenue BID District (from Joe Mongin)
- Concert in the Park information

Little Libraries Update: Crystal has been refurbishing the Little Libraries when they run low on books. Sue Premo (formerly with the Volunteer Center, now with Neighborhood Works) donated 10 books to our Little Library. Crystal noted the children's books go faster than the adult books. She has been purchasing low cost books at Goodwill. Anyone with a book donation can contact Crystal at 406-9341 or jeskecm@yahoo.com.

To do list:

- Taku will invite Joe Mongin to the April FPNA Board meeting to give an update on Military Ave Business Association and BID developments.
- Carolyn will buy a card for Cheryl Renier-Wigg and Andy Rosendahl that will be from FPNA.
- Taku will check with the printer to verify whether the cost for mailing the Newsletter will remain the same, or go up due to the change in page size.
- Crystal will ask Sean to look into the feasibility of solar lighting (vs electrical lighting system) for FPNA sign.
- Taku will check with Festival Foods regarding when the Brat-Fry sign-up begins. Taku will sign up for Saturday June 21 or 28. If neither of the dates is available, and there are no Saturdays available, the second choice is a date on a Friday.
- Taku will reserve the Justice Room for the next FPNA BOD meeting.

Next Meeting: The FPNA Board of Directors (BOD) will meet April 16, 2014 from 6:30-8pm at Harmony Cafe - Green Bay.